

DEEP SNOW COVERS THE COKE REGION; TRAFFIC HAMPERED

More Than Six-Inch Fall Makes Real Winter Here.

TRAINS AND CARS ARE DELAYED

Convenient Vigilance and All-Night Battle Against the Snow Prevents Serious Rail Troubles and Schedules are Fairly Well Maintained.

Beginning with a slight fall about noon yesterday, the second greatest snowstorm of the winter developed throughout last night and this morning, and at noon today was still descending, though in not such an abundance as during the night. The fall in town did not amount to more than six inches, though it was much greater in the country districts, according to reports.

Some folks report that snow is a foot deep there, and Perryopolis reports eight inches. Railroad men state that in the mountain east of here a foot would be a conservative estimate, and this pile of snow on the cars seems to bear out the statement. A rise in temperature accompanied the fall.

The first snow that fell yesterday was almost rain, and it was about with much force, much to the discomfort of those who were out in the open. However, it was light and did not collect in places as previous snows did. Little trouble was experienced by the telephone and telegraph lines. The fact that there was comparatively little wind also helped.

Determined not to be taken unawares, Superintendent at Transportation M. A. Coffey of the West Penn had his sweepers out early last night, and forces of men were sent out with shovels to keep the switches clear, and therefore did not keep the traffic moving. Cars ran a trifle late during the early part of the evening and this morning cars coming south were delayed, but comparatively little trouble was experienced. Mr. Coffey was on the job all night, the snow being so light that he feared the wind might cause trouble if the wind became heavy.

Railroad traffic was held up to some extent, but nothing like the trouble caused by the November storm, was experienced. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad trains this morning were from 10 minutes to over a half hour late. No. 1 was about 15 minutes behind time.

The weather forecast calls for more snow and high wind tomorrow, tonight and fair weather on Sunday.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The return part of the country is in the grip of the first big storm of the year which reached blizzard proportions in some districts. Railroad traffic was delayed and street railway services in cities were much hampered.

Off the southern New England coast, a gale was blowing, greatly endangering shipping. Several vessels were reported in distress along the coast from Cape Henry, Virginia, northward.

The intense cold in New England and the Middle Atlantic states moderated somewhat with the coming of the snow, but to the southward where the snow had ceased falling the temperature was very low.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—Eleven hundred men and 400 teams were put to work at noon yesterday in clearing the streets of the city of snow. The streets that fell last night and this morning, the business section, streets on which vehicles are used and streets to be used by undertakers today and tomorrow, were first attacked under the direction of Robert Swan, director of the work.

A special appropriation for relief of the poor made yesterday by council, was available today.

FOUR DIVORCES GRANTED.

Judge Van Swearingen Hands Decree in Matrimonial Mixups. Special to The Courier. UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—Mary Lawrence of Star Junction was granted a divorce from her husband, John Lawrence, on the grounds of desertion. Mary's mother was divorced from John Lawrence because of cruel and barbarous treatment at their home at Point.

Sadie Field was given a divorce from John Field because of infidelity alleged to have been committed at Pittsburgh. Joseph Dunn of Uniontown was awarded a divorce from his wife Emma Dunn on the grounds of adultery. The divorces were granted by Judge Van Swearingen.

JAPAN MAINTAINS ORDER.

Police Guard Parliament; Editors Arrested. By Associated Press. TOKYO, Japan, Feb. 14.—The Japanese government today took extensive measures for the maintenance of order in the capital and prevention of violence in connection with demonstrations of protest against increase in taxation.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE LOCKS MAN IN ENGINE'S TOOL BOX

Friends are Now Trying to Locate Victim, Who Was Also Whipped For Improper Conduct.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 14.—Friends of Jerry Malone, a railway employee said to have been sent out of Springfield locked in the tool box of a locomotive after a committee of ten fathers had horse-whipped him for improper conduct, are still searching for him today. The police said that the action would be taken until definite information concerning his whereabouts could be gathered.

Members of the vigilance committee told the police yesterday that Malone while out of work had been provided with meals by the wife of a fellow employee in the St. Louis & San Francisco shops. They said they put him in a locomotive tool box Thursday night. "We did not injure him seriously and he will probably be heard from soon," said one member of the committee. "While we were waiting for the engine we took him into a store and built a fire to keep him warm. The tool box was also nice and warm."

WOMAN SCORES POINTS

Evidence in Vannoy Will Suit Favor Mrs. Groner.

Special to The Courier. SUMMERSET, Feb. 12.—The evidence heard before Register of Wills, Bert Lamble in the contest over the will of Charles Vannoy today favored Mrs. Agnes Groner, the daughter, whose share of the estate is opposed by the others of the family. Starting charges were made by Dr. A. O. Barclay that he believed drugs had been substituted for the medicine he had prescribed for Vannoy before the aged man had been brought to Somerset and taken care of by Mrs. Groner.

Agnes Faith, a nurse, and Dr. Fred Shuler testified they believed Vannoy to be of sound mind. They also said he referred to five children, as showing that he intended to recognize Mrs. Groner's claim.

Abram Trexel of Jenner township testified that Vannoy, two months prior to his death, asked him to act as executor of his estate, and outlined the provisions of the will. Trexel declared that the document was along the lines Vannoy had indicated it would be.

GRANTS NEW TRIAL

Court Intervenes for Foreigner Who Was Deceived by Friend.

Special to The Courier. UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—Judge Van Swearingen granted a new trial to Mike Conbo, convicted at the last term of criminal court of robbery, and sentenced to two years in the Allegheny workhouse. After the conviction and sentence of the defendant it was made to appear that the court that after the defendant had been arrested and confined to jail he gave some money to one of his countrymen with which to subpoena certain witnesses, on whose testimony he relied to show that he was not in the neighborhood of where the alleged robbery occurred at the time it is said to have been committed, and with which also to employ counsel for the defendant. He claimed that the friend kept the money, with the result that when the case was called for trial the defendant had neither witnesses nor counsel.

The court appointed counsel to defend the prisoner, but the defendant, being an Italian could not explain his case fully to the attorney and without his witnesses he was convicted.

OFFICE IS AT STAKE

Monahan Must Show Court Why He Holds Constable's Job.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 11.—Constable Monahan of the First ward, Connellsville, was made defendant in a rule to show cause why he should not be ousted from that office, handed down by Judge Van Swearingen today. Constable J. W. Mitchell held the rule issue, claiming Monahan to be incompetent.

Mitchell contends that an act passed June 11, 1911, extended his term until the first Monday in December, 1915. Monahan insists that no constable held over from Connellsville became a city constable, and that Mitchell hasn't a job any more. The matter will come before the March term of court for a decision.

ADDS NATIONAL GUARD.

Postmaster General Arranges to Let Clerks Do Military Duty.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Postmaster General Burleson today issued an order granting leave of absence, without pay, in addition to the leave of absence granted with pay allowed by law, to postal employees who are members of the National Guard when called upon to do military duty.

"The department believes," said the Postmaster General, "that the National Guard should be encouraged in every way and that it is feasible that postmasters may arrange leaves of absence for military duty without detriment to the service."

CHILD BADELY BURNED.

Clothes Ignite From Grate and Injure Mrs. May Be Fatal. Alto Township, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Townsend of near Pittsburgh, is in a serious condition as the result of burns suffered when her dress caught fire from an open grate. Her clothing being practically burned from her body before the flames were extinguished.

SCOTSDALE WATER COMPANY LOSES ITS FIGHT FOR STREAM

Judge J. Q. VanSwearingen Awards Permanent Injunction in Bullekin.

EMINENT DOMAIN RIGHT DENIED

Court Holds That Company Must Continue Activities to the Territory for Which It Was Originally Incorporated to Serve and Can't Expand.

Special to The Courier. UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—An important decision was filed by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in court this morning in the case of Ada E. Mier and Jennie M. Miller of Bullekin township against the Citizens Water Company of Scottdale. The decision deals with the right and duties of water companies in the supply of water to the public and the right of eminent domain of water companies for that purpose.

The opinion of the court cites the law requiring water companies at the time of their incorporation to designate the municipalities in which they intend to carry on their business and thereafter they are not allowed to supply water to the public in any other district than that designated. Judge Van Swearingen holds that a water company, incorporated for the purpose of supplying water to the public, shall not abandon the territory in which it was originally incorporated to do business and supply water to other municipalities and cannot supply water to both the original district and other territory too, but is confined to the single territorial division in which it was incorporated.

He holds also that a water company has no right of eminent domain of the stream for the purpose of its supply water in the single territory of its location. In the case decided the company was incorporated for the purpose of supplying water to the borough of Scottdale, but attempted to appropriate the waters of certain streams for the purpose of supplying both Scottdale and the townships surrounding the borough. Judge Van Swearingen awarded a permanent injunction against the defendant, restraining it from taking the waters of the stream for those purposes. There was a stream of water crossing the property of the plaintiff which the company attempted to seize by right of eminent domain.

PLAN A MISSION HERE

Young People's Societies Would Do Work Among Italians.

Faced with only the necessity of raising approximately \$1,200, the young people's societies of several churches are endeavoring to establish a mission here for the benefit of the Italian community. The purpose is to engage Mr. Adams of Uniontown, who has been doing mission work in that vicinity. The plan calls for the purchase of the Italian church on Baldwin avenue, and its removal to the corner of the community. The east side of the dye works along the same street. The building is held at \$600 and it is estimated the moving of it would cost an equal sum.

The Presbyterian, Baptist, United Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist and Protestant and United Brethren churches are interested in the movement. Several meetings have already been held and the plan is still being considered.

BAD FIRE AT SUMMIT.

Dwelling of Mrs. Katherine Reagan Is Totally Destroyed.

A bad fire occurred at Summit early this morning when the home of the late Mrs. Katherine Reagan was totally destroyed. A Pittsburgh & Lake Erie locomotive was nearby and the fire broke out in the kitchen, caused by Mrs. Reagan's six children and some of them had to leap from the second story windows to escape. The dwelling and its contents were totally destroyed. The Reagans will be cared for by their grandparents, who live on the adjoining property.

CASTLE SENTENCED.

Man Who Confessed Robbing Minister's Home Goes to Pen.

William Castles, who robbed the home of Rev. C. W. Winny on Crawford avenue pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of having entered a ticket office of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Glenwood and taking \$7.50 worth of chewing gum and 50 cents from a cash register.

He was sentenced to not less than four nor more than five years to the penitentiary.

Car Jumps Track.

West Penn Traffic Held Up for a Short Time This Afternoon when a Small Street Car Jumped the Track near the West end of the Young Bridge.

Patrons Pay in April.

Patrons Day will be observed in Connellsville about the middle of April, according to Superintendent S. A. Ashe. The county schools observed it yesterday.

COMMON DRUNKS NOT TO BE PINCHED, MAYOR'S ORDER

Let Them Alone So Long as They are Not Worrying Anyone, He Tells His Cops.

Drunks who mind their own business and make no disorder are not to be arrested, the chief explained. Mayor Ruckwell Marietta so directed Chief of Police Rotter this morning after an animated discussion of what the police are supposed to do in such cases. The mayor claims that only the disorderly drunks should be taken to the lockup. The chief agreed strictly to their own affairs and do not become annoying are to be left alone. Littering, it has been a custom of long-standing, to arrest any drunk, providing his degree of intoxication does not permit him to navigate in a straight line.

Chief of Police Rotter declared that he had been placed in a false light by a local newspaper in regard to his stand in the matter of witnesses. "I did not say that witnesses are not necessary for the chief," explained. "What I did say, and I stand by the contention, is that when a prisoner is visibly intoxicated, and is seen in that condition by the officer making the arrest, the officer's testimony is sufficient to convict, without calling other witnesses. The statement that I oppose the calling of witnesses against prisoners is false."

Another jail sentence was imposed by the mayor this morning when he directed that commitment papers be made out for Samuel W. Trump, arrested for disorderly conduct at his home on Second street, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, on complaint of his wife. He will be kept there 30 days.

AFTER EMBELLER.

Constable Goes to Layton For a Man Accused by Woman.

Hearing a warrant for the arrest of Tony Embeller, charged with embezzlement, Constable J. W. Mitchell went to Layton this afternoon to bring back his man for a hearing before Alderman Munk tonight.

Information sworn out by Constable Embeller, alleged that Tony Embeller, the largest store at Layton during his absence on a trip to Italy, the money for which he never turned over to the proprietor and still refuses to give up. The proprietor also claims that \$75 in cash was stolen from him.

EUGENIE OVERWORKED.

Stanford Anatomy Expert Says Professor is Overworked.

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Dr. A. W. Mayer, head of the department of anatomy in the Stanford medical school of the Stanford University, is on record today as saying that Eugenie would never make a perfect man or a perfect woman.

"Nature's laws in the making of man and woman are immutable," he said, "and breeding methods cannot be applied to the human race."

WANT AIDS FOR STEPS.

Commissioners to Let Contractors for Brownsville Bridge.

At a joint meeting of the county commissioners of Fayette and Washington counties in Pittsburg, arrangements were made for the erection of steps to the Brownsville bridge, which is now in course of construction.

County controllers of both counties will advertise for bids, and the contract will be awarded at a joint session of the commissioners. The steps, it is estimated, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200.

WRECK ON BRANCH.

Traffic on S. & C. Is Tied Up for Several Hours.

The Somerset & Cambria branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was tied up yesterday for several hours when a year-end collision between two freight trains occurred at Shamrock, a dozen coal cars being demolished and a locomotive wrecked. The trains were running in the same direction when the second train rounded a curve and crashed into another.

Hurt by Fall.

Mrs. Joseph Dixon of East Main street slipped on the icy pavement last night and in falling fractured her left wrist. She was admitted to the South Side Private Hospital and left this morning after having the fracture reduced.

Examining Candidates.

An examination for run-off-half carrier out of Dawson and Vanderhill is being held in the postoffice building today by Miss Pearl Robinson of the postoffice force. Eight candidates are taking the tests.

Trotter Man Mined.

Charged with being drunk and driving a Ford truck, Trotter was arrested before the mayor last night and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5. John Gillens, who was arrested at the same time was discharged.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Light snow and colder tonight; Sunday fair except snow along Lake Erie. Temperature Record. 1914 1913 Maximum 27 31 Minimum 19 15 Mean 23 28 The Young river dropped from 2 to 1.50 feet during the night.

WELFARE PICTURES OF FRICK COMPANY TO BE SHOWN HERE

Films and Lantern Slides at the Soisson Friday Night.

PART OF THE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

More than 100,000 Persons Have Seen the Entertainment in the States Where the Steel Corporation Has Mines; Lecture Accompanies Views.

The United States Steel Corporation's method of promoting for the safety, health and welfare of their employees in and about coal mining operations will be accurately and interestingly illustrated by the use of motion pictures and lantern slides, accompanied by brief explanations by a lecturer, at the Soisson Theatre Friday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock. The safety pictures were taken originally for the purpose of instructing workmen how to perform their work in the safest manner, and will be of particular value in an educational way to all who are interested in the safety and welfare of those employed in the principal industry of this community.

For a number of years the H. C. Frick Coke Company, operating in West Virginia and Fayette counties, West Virginia, and its allied coal and coke companies, operating in the states of West Virginia, Illinois and Indiana, have been waging a vigorous safety and efficiency campaign. In the early stages of the campaign the safety devices, methods and systems employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company attracted the attention of the American Museum of Safety, New York City, and Dr. W. H. Tolman, director of the same. At that time the American Museum of Safety was the only safety organization in the United States, and Doctor Tolman was then, as he is now, the leading safety expert in the United States.

Later, Doctor Tolman requested the H. C. Frick Coke Company to make a safety exhibit at the International Exhibition of the Frick company, which is being held at Dresden several years ago, which the Frick company did, and is now being shown at the American Museum of Safety at New York City. In preparation for this exhibit, the Frick company has taken over 1,200 men attended the lecture. After Doctor Tolman's lecture, a lantern slide exhibition was given showing some of the safety devices and methods of the Frick company.

The officers of the company who were present were so much impressed by the readiness and alacrity of the men in carrying on that they conceived the idea of taking photographs and showing how accidents happen, followed with a picture showing how that the same operation could be safely performed. These pictures were shown to more than 100,000 people in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois and Indiana, and attracted the attention of scientists, mining engineers and mine owners throughout the entire country. The Federal Bureau of Mines was so much impressed with these pictures that H. C. Frick company has been making pictures showing the proper and safe method of performing every operation in connection with the mining of bituminous coal, from the face of the working places, to the railroad car under the tipples.

As the conditions in the Connellsville field are peculiar to themselves, it was decided by Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilson to take these pictures in one of the mines of the United States Steel Corporation in the Connellsville field, which the conditions are more nearly similar to the other bituminous fields of the country. Every movement of the mine is shown, from the time he enters the mine in the morning until he returns to his home in the evening.

One of the most interesting features of this series of pictures is the method of mining and loading machine in operation. This machine cuts the coal from the face the full width of the place and delivers it into the car. It has a record of mining at a rate of 20 tons per hour. As the coal can not be taken out in lumps by this machine, its use will be limited to mining and loading coke only. Because of the difficulty of keeping the machine supplied with coke in narrow places, 12 to 15 feet wide, it is proposed to convey the coal from this machine to the bin on the outside through pipes by means of pneumatic power. In fact, the coal has been successfully conveyed in an experimental way.

The Federal Bureau of Mines are now showing these moving pictures in the mining districts of the south and west, extending over an itinerary of several months duration. Exhibitions of the pictures having already been given before safety and sanitation conferences at Harrisburg and New York during the last few months. The Frick company also has applications for the pictures to be shown in various parts of the country, ranging from Montreal, Canada in the north, to New Mexico in the southwest.

"CAPTAIN JACK," APOSTLE OF HAPPINESS, HERE TOMORROW

Post-Scout, Just Back from Panama, Will Close "Health-Happiness" Campaign.

"Captain Jack" Crawford, who will be in Connellsville tomorrow, has recently returned from Panama, where he spent a month entertaining and instructing the employees on the Canal, at the expense of the Government. "Captain Jack" is probably the most versatile, and surely the most picturesque, member of the great body of Chautauqua lecturers and entertainers. With his "Sunshine Boomerang," his clean, happy life, and his crusade against cigarettes, liquor and impurity in general, he is probably doing as much good as any other man on the Chautauqua platform.

He will talk with boys over 12 years of age in the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, and to men in the Colonial Theatre in the afternoon at 8 o'clock. Admission is free to both these meetings, but in the case of the boys it will be by ticket distributed at the Sunday schools tomorrow morning. If there is room for more in the auditorium after the ticket holders are admitted others will be given a chance to hear and in the case of the men, those who want to be sure to hear him had better go to Sunday School early and get admission tickets.

"Captain Jack" will close the Y. M. C. A. "Health and Happiness" week. Charles E. Barker, concluded his visit here with his talk to fathers and sons at the "Father and Son" supper in the Y. M. C. A. building last night. He left for Pittsburgh this morning. After giving some interesting insights on the life of Presidents and other governmental affairs, he proceeded to give the fathers some good advice as to the raising of sons. The supper was unusually good. It was prepared and served by the ladies auxiliary of the association.

FREE BATHS AT STANDARD

Superintendent Mack Has Conveniences Installed for Miners.

Special to The Courier. MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 14.—The latest convenience arranged for the men at Standard works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company is a bath house. This is the only house around in this region and it took some very hard work on the part of Superintendent James S. Mack until he landed it for his men. His troubles did not end here for it was with the standard difficulty that Mr. Mack could persuade some of the employees that this was for their own use and was free, but just at this time the 37 shower baths are being installed. The housewives are beginning to appreciate this convenience as it saves a great deal of time. There are three large bathrooms in most of the houses, it better the conditions of living in this way.

In the bath house are 37 baths, 12 wash basins and a plunge or pool, eight by twelve feet. It is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The clothes are put on an endless rope. Taking down the rope after a day's work, the men take off their dirty clothes, put them on the rope, wash, and put on dry clothing and draw the clothes hanging where the clothes are dry and warm to put on the next morning.

"DAD" HALL HONORED.

Vanderbilt Association Wanted Him to be President.

"Dad" Hall, manager of the Arcade and Colonial theatres, was specially honored at the quarterly meeting of the National Vanderbilt Association held in Columbus, Ohio, this week. He was nominated for president, but declined to allow his name to be voted on, though it is said he stood a good chance of election.

Later Mr. Hall was elected a director in the association, but he also resigned this honor. The next meeting of the association will be held in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

DON'T CALL GORE.

Senator's Counsel Seeking to Impatch Plaintiff's Witnesses.

By Associated Press. OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 11.—Instead of calling Senator Gore to the stand today, counsel for the defense in the case in which the Oklahoma Senator is sued for \$50,000 damages for an alleged assault upon Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, counsel for the defense stood today, counsel for the defense in the case in which the Oklahoma Senator is sued for \$50,000 damages for an alleged assault upon Mrs. Minnie E. Bond.

MASONS TO BANQUET.

Invitations Issued for Washington's Birthday Observance Here.

Invitations were issued today to the ninth annual banquet of the Connellsville Masonic Association to be held in Masonic Temple on the night of February 23. The address of the evening will be made by Rev. I. E. Rank of Scotland.

Clock League Election.

The Negyrdale Clock League has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Jessie McKinley, vice president, Mrs. Clarence Rowe, secretary, Mrs. Bruce Lundy, treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Lively, good.

BUSINESS MEN ARE INTERESTED IN NEW ASSESSMENT PLAN

Large Gathering Hears Somers System Explained by Expert.

SEE AN END OF INEQUALITIES

Consensus of Opinion is That the Project as Described by Cleveland Man Can Be Adopted Here to Good Advantage; Another Meeting Later.

Approximately 50 business men, many of them large property owners, braved the storm last night to attend the demonstration of the Somers System of realty assessment by Walter W. Pollock of Cleveland, head of the company which controls it. After a two-hour discussion it was the consensus of opinion that the system can be adopted here to great advantage and it is expected that Mr. Pollock will return later to give a further demonstration.

Superintendent John L. Gans of the department of accounts and finance of City Council is enthusiastic over the plan. He believes that it is just the thing that Connellsville needs to end for all time the assessments which he declares are manifestly unfair, and which for years have imposed an unfair burden upon the majority of taxpayers. It is expected that Mr. Pollock will return later to give a further demonstration.

After Mr. Pollock's careful explanation of the system, in explaining which he used a number of charts, including a rough map of the downtown section of Connellsville, there was a discussion as to the merits of the plan. Several persons had questions to ask, but none of them appeared unfriendly to the plan except City Solicitor E. C. Higgins. Mr. Higgins expressed the belief that the system runs contrary to the law of the state, but Mr. Pollock denied this vigorously. Although the value of the land is determined apart from that of the buildings on it, it is not necessary to make a separate return for each. In this state there is no provision for assessing land and buildings separately. Under the Somers System, the value of location is placed entirely on the land. The value of buildings is limited to the exact cost of duplication, less depreciation.

"The Somers System," said Mr. Pollock, "has absolutely nothing to do with an economic theory concerning taxation. It can be applied to any method of imposing such a tax. The system is designed for the sole purpose of making assessments equitable; to require every property owner to pay his proportionate share of the tax. It prevents that favoritism in assessments which is the cause of rampant inequalities of taxation." Concerning the system, Mr. Pollock said:

"Land and buildings are the sum total, expressed in price, of all the influences under existing conditions of life, of the people of the community in relation to that site. The street being the index of value, the Somers unit-foot was worked out for the purpose of giving a given site a unit or standard of quantity capable of general use, upon which to express opinion or judgment of usefulness of city land, comparable to the use of the unit-foot in measuring street value of the usefulness of other commodities. The acre could be and is used for large bodies of land, but was impracticable for the smaller parcels of land in cities. The 'front foot' and the 'square foot' are used in most places, but both are cumbersome for exact use. The 'front foot' does not have a depth that is usable. The term 'square foot' as well as 'front foot' requires explanation of all the circumstances connected with a site before one knows just what it means. The Somers unit-foot is the yardstick of unit of quantity. The exercise of judgment is always expressed as to the value of the unit-foot, instead of as to the value of a front foot or square foot of a given lot. The unit-foot is one foot of frontage with a depth of 100 feet, representing the value of the usefulness of the block frontage due to a single element of accessibility—one street frontage. Any interior or inside lot may be measured as to its value per front foot. If of greater or lesser depth than 100 feet, by the Somers depth percentage, which shows the value of each foot of depth receding from the point of street accessibility.

"A most important point in this depth percentage is that 72 1/2 per cent of the value of the 100 foot depth in the unit-foot lies in the 50 feet nearest the street; consequently but 27 1/2 per cent of the value is in the rear 50 feet; and for the third 50 feet of depth but 15 per cent of the value of the 100-foot unit is added. This rule differs from other rules accepted in the past for measuring the value of the depth of inside lots, in the fact that it gives greater value to the part of the unit nearest the street than do other rules. It is based upon Mr. Somers' investigations of many thousands of situations in many different parts of the country, and uses these tentative unit values as the basis of the assessment in the use of the Somers System is to prepare a map showing block outlines for the central business district of his city. 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The News of Nearby Towns.

MEYERSDALE.

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 14.—Rev. S. W. Davis of Uniontown, who has been spending several days here, left his home last evening. Reverend Davis was the first pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church when it was established in Meyersdale about 40 years ago.

For the past several Sunday mornings Rev. A. A. Vold, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been preaching sermons based upon the biography of some prominent man. Tomorrow morning his subject will be "The Life of Abraham Lincoln."

The Civic League has reorganized for the year 1914 by the election of the following officers: Miss Jessie McKinley, president; Mrs. Clarence Howe, vice president; Mrs. Bruce Lachry, secretary; Mrs. W. S. Livingston, treasurer.

Parents' Day will be observed in the local public schools next Friday between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. Light refreshments will be served on each floor of the high school building between the hours of 3 and 4 P. M. for the members of the Parents-Teachers Association. All friends and patrons of the public schools are invited.

Charles Shoenker, who has been working in the Holden plumbing establishment, has gone to Johnstown to spend several weeks.

Word has been received here of the sudden death of David Hainerd Hayes, who occurred at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, a few days ago. He was the husband of Miss Sara T. Hainerd, daughter of the late Nicholas Hainerd, and was a native of Meyersdale. With her little son, John Hainerd Hayes, Mrs. Hayes will come to this place to reside after the settlement of her husband's estate.

W. H. Dexter of this place, and Charles Plaster of Conneautville, left yesterday for the south to look up timber tracts. They expect to be absent several weeks.

The survey for the state road to be built one mile in the direction of the north is completed, and a report on the weather opens work will be started.

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The musical concert given by the Rockwood Band at the Rockwood Theatre on Friday evening was highly patronized by Rockwood citizens.

Dr. C. H. Ridenour has been compelled to close his dental parlors for several days on account of an injured eye.

The young ladies of the United Evangelical Church held a box social in the Snyder store room on Market street on Thursday which was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present.

R. A. Krotzman of Black township, who has been ill for several days and with congestion of the lungs, was removed to the Johnstown Memorial Hospital where he will receive special treatment.

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Henry Osler of Henry City, who was in town on business yesterday, is leaving for his home in Maryland this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Warner of Morgantown are visiting the latter's father, Isaac Holt and brother William Holt for a few days.

Fred Wilhelm has been off duty as Baltimore & Ohio brake from Conneautville on account of illness.

The revival meetings are still in progress in the Methodist Episcopal Church each evening. Reverend Le Page is having a very successful meeting.

Walter Savage of Friendsville was here Tuesday en route to Washington for a business trip.

Mr. Arthur Chubb and son Harry of Conneautville were dining on their way to visit friends in Cumberland, Md.

Miss J. S. S. who has been in ill health for several months was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Jenkins and baby of Harnessedville, went to Star Junction to spend several days.

Mrs. Samuel Beychek went to Pittsburgh yesterday where she will spend several days.

Thomas Worthing of Harnessedville was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. E. K. Miller of Pittsburgh returned home yesterday after a visit to the home of Mrs. D. L. Miller for several weeks.

Nicholas Parrell of this town was in town on business Thursday.

P. V. James was the guest of friends here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Frank Moore made a business trip to Uniontown Tuesday.

Edwin Reels of Meyersdale, was in town on business yesterday and today.

CONFERENCE, Feb. 14.—The first of the "Prohibition" given by W. M. Linn of Uniontown, in the Methodist Episcopal Church at this place on Thursday evening, was well attended.

Lewis Lincoln of Uniontown, was in town on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little have returned home after having visited their daughter, Mrs. Henry Boyd, and their sons, Scott and Jessie Little, in Pittsburgh this week.

Clyde Reid is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Reid.

John Snyder and William West, former residents of this place, have been the guests of friends in town this week for several days.

Rev. Hopkins returned home from having spent several days attending the Billy Sunday meetings in Pittsburgh.

Miss Mattie Werner of Harnessedville was in town shopping yesterday.

Miss Marie Reid who has been in ill health for several months, was taken to the Maryland Sanatorium for treatment. Her father accompanied her.

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there. She stood the trip very good and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Clay Shaw of Henry Clay township, was the guest of friends in town Thursday and Friday.

James Watson of Morgantown, W. Va., spent several days this week with his grandmother, Mrs. James Watson on the West Side.

Robert Augustine of Somerset was in town on business yesterday.

Miss Helen Brown of Morgantown, was in town on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chubb of Addison, were in town a short time yesterday on their return home from visiting friends for several days in Somerset.

Mrs. Joseph Shipley and daughter of Conneautville, are spending a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. Ida Gray in town.

Mrs. John Barnhart and baby of Johnson's Chapel, are guests of friends in town for a few days. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Barnhart on the West Side yesterday.

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Remember, a Casaret's Cough Syrup will strengthen you out by morning. It is a healthy bowel action, a clear mind and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children—AD.

SMITHFIELD, Feb. 11.—Frank Hines, a former resident of Smithfield and whose parents still reside here, has been elected as one of the judges in the Cleveland courts for the term of a year in a week while a motion picture in the Northern Ohio Traction Company's line on the morning of October 2, 1912, when nine persons were fatally injured.

H. B. Sackett and W. S. Lee have returned from Pittsburgh Thursday evening where they had been to see Mrs. W. C. Sackett, the former's mother in law, who is in the hospital, who they are getting along nicely from the operation she underwent a week ago.

Samuel Boxdale was transacting business down along Dunlap's creek Thursday.

Dr. W. T. Messmore was a business visitor in Pittsburgh Thursday.

Miss Ruth Barton was a children's chaperone Thursday.

William Burdick shipped a consignment of White Oregonian chickens and hen to a brooder at Republic Thursday.

In explanation to the many customers of A. P. Prunkenberg's in this town as to why he did not make his deliveries at the time promised, he has been laid up at his home near Johnstown with the grip since February 4. He has the goods and will deliver them as soon as he is able to be out.

Rev. William Ryan is conducting a protracted meeting at the Oak Hill Church near Anderson's Cross Roads.

SMITHFIELD, Feb. 13.—The new coal works of the Republic Iron & Steel Company opening up in Nicholson township will be known as Howland. It will be on rural free delivery route No. 2 from the Smithfield postoffice.

The postoffice and bank observed Lincoln's birthday Thursday.

The writer attended a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lynch Thursday evening at their home at Fairbank. The affair was arranged by Mrs. Lynch in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary.

J. W. Abraham was a business visitor in Anderson Thursday.

James Porter of Fairbank was a business visitor here Thursday.

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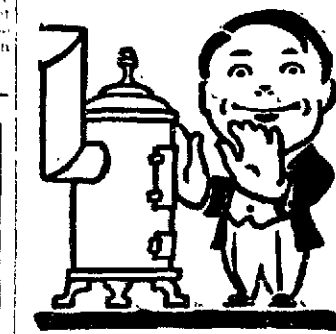


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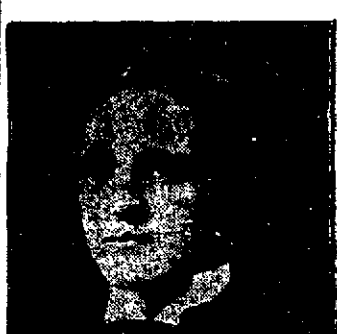
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BUSINESS MEN ARE INTERESTED IN NEW ASSESSMENT PLAN

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basis for public discussion in which all citizens are invited to participate in the afternoon extending his work on through the entire city, and having the benefit of the central district for constant comparison of judgment. Most assessors are fortunate in securing assistance from citizens' committees, both in the field and in the final stages of the decision as to the value of units.

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The Valiants of Virginia

By
Hallie Erminie
Rives

Older, Post, Wheelock

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CHAPTER XVIII

Beyond the Box-Hedge.

As he gazed her, his gaze plunged deep into hers. She had recoiled a step startled, to recognize him almost instantly. He noted the shrink and thought it due to a stabbing memory of that forest horror. His first words were prosaic enough:

"An unconscionable trespasser," he said. "It must seem awfully proud of me, but I didn't realize you were on private property till I passed the hedge line."

As her hand lay in his, a strange thrill stirred in him in that woodland place, the wild spirit of the past seemed to spring herself, mixed of her aerial essence and jungle wilderness in this secluded dim close she was grave-eyed, subdued, a pale penitence and haunting mood. With her answer, however, this gravity seemed to slip from her like a garment. She smiled lightly.

"I love to prove myself. I think sometimes I like the night better than the day. I believe in one of my incarnations I must have been a panther."

They both laughed. "I'm growing superstitious about flowers," he said. "You know a rose figured in our first meeting. And in our last—"

She shrank momentarily. "The cape jasmine!" she said. "I shall always think of that when I see them!"

"Oh forgive me!" he begged. "But when I remember what you did for me—Oh I know! But for you, I must have died!"

"But for me you wouldn't have been bitten. But don't let's talk of it!" he pleaded suddenly.

"You are cold," he said. "I wish that even too thin for this night air!"

"No I often walk here till quite late," he said.

The bird song had broken forth as he answered this time by a distant, faint, "My mother's a good voice!"

"It's a beautiful voice," he said. "I wish I could hear it often!"

"Why it sings in the night," he said. "I wish I could hear it often!"

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It was thundering. I know that would have hurt him. One thing I've wanted to say to you, ever since the day we talked together—about the duel. I want to say that whatever lay behind it, my father's whole life was darkened by that event. Now that I can put two and two together, I know that it was the cause of his sadness."

"Ah, I can believe that," she replied.

"I think he had only two interests—myself and the corporation. So you see why I'd rather save that and be a beggar the rest of my natural life. But I'm not a beggar. Damory Court alone is worth—I know it now—a hundred times what I left."

"You are so utterly different from what I imagined you!"

"I could never have imagined you," he said, "never."

"I must be terribly out of it."

"You are so many women in one. When I listened to your harp playing I could hardly believe it was the same you I saw galloping across the fields that morning. Now you are a different woman from both of those."

As she looked at him, her lips curled corner-wise, her foot slipped on the

sheer edge of the turf. She swayed toward him and he caught her, feeling for a sharp instant the adorable nearness of her body. It ridged all his skin with a creeping delight. She recovered her footing with an exclamation, and turned back somewhat abruptly to the porch where she seated herself on the step, drawing her filmy skirt aside to make a place for him. There was a moment of silence which he broke.

"That exquisite serenade you were playing? You know the words, of course?"

"They are more lovely if possible, than the score. Do you care for poetry?"

"I've always loved it," he said. "I've been reading some lately—a little old-fashioned book I found at Damory Court. It's 'Lucille.' Do you know it?"

"Yes. It's my mother's favorite."

"He drew it from his pocket. See, I've got it here. It's marked too."

"He opened it, to close it instantly—not however before she had put out her hand and laid it, palm down, on the page. 'That rose!' Oh, let me have it!"

"Never!" he protested. "Look here. When I put it between the leaves, I did so at random. I didn't see till now that I had opened it at a marked passage!"

"Let me read it," she said.

"He leaned and held the leaf to the light from the doorway and the two heads bent together over the text."

A sound fell behind them and both turned. A slight figure in a soft gray gown with old lace at the throat, stood in the doorway behind them. John Valiant sprang to his feet.

"Ah, Shirley! I thought I heard voices. Is that you, Chilly?"

"It's not Mr. Lusk, mother," said Shirley. "It's our new neighbor, Mr. Valiant."

As he bent over the leaf, murmuring the conventional words that presentations are believed to require, Mrs. Dandridge sank into a deep cushioned chair. "Won't you sit down?" she said. He noticed that she did not look directly at him, and that her face was as pallid as her hair.

"Thank you," said John Valiant, and resumed his place on the lower step.

Shirley, who had again seated herself suddenly laughed, and pointed to the book which lay between them. "Imagine what we are doing, dearest! We were reading 'Lucille' together."

She saw the other glance, and the dark eyes lifted, as if under compulsion from the bookcover to Valiant's face. He was startled by Shirley's cry and the sudden limp unconscious settling back into the cushions of the fragile form.

CHAPTER XIX.

Night.

A quicker breeze was stirring as John Valiant went back along the Red Road. He had waited in the garden at Rosewood till Shirley, aided by Emmaline and with Ranton's anxious face hovering in the background, having performed those gentle offices which a woman's fainting spell requires had come to reassure him and to say good night.

As he threw off his coat in the bedroom he had chosen for his own, he felt the hard corner of the "Lucille" in the pocket, and drawing it out, laid it on the table by the bedside. He seemed to feel again the tingle of his cheek where a curling strand of her coppery hair had sprung against it when her head had bent beside his own to read the marked lines.

When he had undressed he sat on the floor, and drawing a dressing gown thrown over his shoulders, striving vainly to recreate that evening call, to remember her every word and look and movement. For a breath his face would flush suddenly before

him, like a live thing; then it would mysteriously fade and elude him, though he clenched his hands on the arms of his chair in the fierce mental effort to recall it. Only the intense blue of her eyes, the tawny sweep of her hair—these and the touch of her, the consciousness of her warm and vivid fragrance, remained to wrap all his senses in a mist woven of gold and fire.

Shirley, meanwhile, had sat some time beside her mother's bed, leaning from a white chintz-covered chair, her anxiety only partially allayed by reassurances, now and then stooping to lay her young cheek against the delicate arm in its lacy sleeve or to pass her hand lovingly up and down its outline, noting with a recurrent passion of tenderness the transparency of the skin with its violet veining and the shadow beneath the closed eyes. Broom-line, moving on soft worsted shoe feet about the dim room, at length had whispered.

"You go to bed, honey. I stay with Mrs. Judith till she goes to sleep."

"Yes, go, Shirley," said her mother. "Haven't I any privileges at all? Can't I even faint when I feel like it, without calling out the fire-brigade? You'll pamper me to death and heaven knows I don't need it."

"You won't let me telephone for Doctor Southall?"

"Certainly not!"

"And you are sure it was nothing but the roses?"

"Why, what else should it be?" said her mother almost perversely. "I must really have the arbores thinned out. On heavy nights it's positively overpowering. Go along now, and we'll talk about it tomorrow. I can ring if I want anything."

In her room Shirley undressed thoughtfully. There was between her and her mother a fine tenuous bond of sympathy and feeling as rare, perhaps, as it was lovely. She could not remember when the other had not been a semi-invalid, and her earliest childhood recollections were punctuated with the tap of the little cane. Tonight's sudden indisposition had shocked and disturbed her, to faint at a rush of perfume seemed to suggest a growing weakness that was alarming. Tomorrow, she told herself, she would send Ranton with a wagon-load of the roses to the hospital at Charlottesville.

She slipped on a pink shell-shaded dressing-gown of silky silk with a riot of azaleas scattered in the weave, and then, dragging her chair before the open window, drew aside the light curtain and began to brush her hair. All at once her gaze fell upon the door, and she shrank backward from a twisting thread like thing whose bright saffron-yellow gloves sharply against the dark carpet. She saw in an instant, however, that it was nothing more dangerous than a fragment of love-vine from the garden, which had clung to her skirt. She picked up the tiny mass of tendrils and with a slow smile tossed it over her right shoulder through the window. "If it takes root," she said aloud, "my sweetheart loves me." She leaned from the sill to peer down into the misty garden, but could not follow its fall.

Long ago her visitor would have reached Damory Court. She had a vision of him wandering, candle in hand, through the empty, echoing rooms, looking at the cold, polished portraits on the walls, thinking perhaps of his father, of the fatal deed of which he had never known. She liked the way he had spoken of his father!

As she leaned out of the stillness there came to her ear a mellow sound. It was the bell of the courthoouse in the village. She counted the strokes falling clearly or faintly as the sluggish breeze eddied or swelled. It was eleven.

She drew back, dropped the curtain to shut out the wet glimmer, and in the darkness crept into the soft bed as if into a hiding place.

A warm sun and an air mild mellow. A faint gold-shadowed mist over the valley and a soft lilac haze blurring the rounded outlines of the hills. Through the shrubbery at Damory Court a cardinal dived like a crimson shuttle, to rock impudently from a flowering limb, and there on the bluish ivory sky, motionless as a gilded water bug, from time to time one of these wavering and slanted swiftly down, to climb once more in a huge spiral to its high tower of sky.

Perhaps it wondered, as its telescopic eye looked down. That had been its choicest covert, that disheveled tangle where the birds held perpetual carnival, the weasel lurked in the underbrush and the rabbit lined his windfall. Now the wilderness was gone. A person glimmering white, now upheld the runaway vines, making a sickle-like path from the upper terrace to the lake. In the barn loft pigeons still quarrelled over their new robes of fresh pine, and under a clump of locust trees at a little distance from the house, a half-dozen dolls' cabins on stilts stood waiting the honey-storage of the black and gold bees.

There were new denizens, also. These had arrived in a dozen since tanks and willow hampers, to the amaze of a sleepy express clerk at the railroad station: two swans now sailed majestically over the lily-ponds of the lake, along its gravel rim and a pair of bronze-colored ducks waddled and preened, and its placid surface rippled and broke to the flitting backs of golden and the stirring fins of red Japanese carp.

The house itself wore another air. Its look of unkemptness had largely vanished. The soft gray tone of age remained, but the blackness and forlornness were gone, there was about all now a warmth and genial bearing that hinted at mellowed beauty, firelight and cheerful voices within.

Valiant heaved a long sigh of satisfaction as he stood in the sunlight gazing at the regime of his landscape. His

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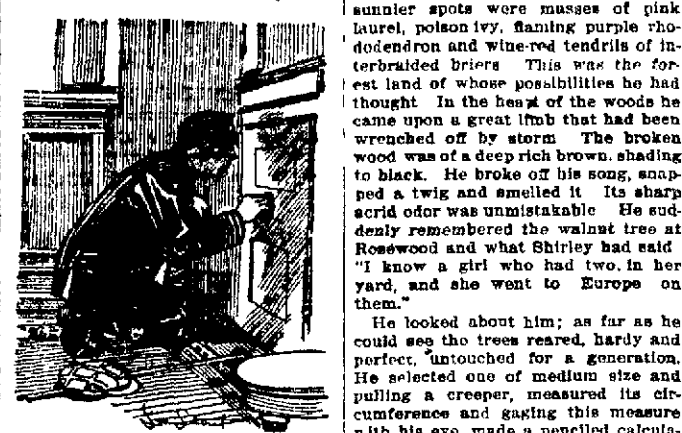
was not now the flippant boulevardier to whom money was the sine qua non of existence. He had learned a sober lesson—one gained not through the push and fight of crowds, but in the simple peace of a countryside, untroubled by the clamor of gold and the complex problems of a competitive existence—that he had inherited a need of activity, of achievement that he had been born to do.

"Chum," he said, to the dog rolling on his back in the grass, "what do you think of it all, anyway?" He reached down, seized a hind leg and whirling him around like a teetotum, sent him flying into the bushes, whence Chum launched again upon him, like a catapult. He caught the white shoulders and held him vice-like. "Just about right, eh? But wait till we get those rambblers!"

"And to think," he continued, whimsically releasing him, "that I might have gone on, one of the little-neck claim crowd I've always trained with, at the same old pace, till the Vermouth-cocktail-Palm-Beach career got a double Nelson on me and the umpire counted me out. At this moment I wouldn't swap this old house and land, and the sunshine and that garden, and Uncle Jefferson and Aunt Daphne and the chickens and the birds and all the rest of it, for a mile of Millionaires' Row."

He went into the house and to the library. The breeze through the wide-fung bow-window was fluttering the papers on the desk and the map on the wall was flapping sideways. He went to straighten it, and then saw what he had not noticed before—that it covered something that had been left in the plaster. He swung it aside and made an exclamation.

He was looking at a square, uncompromising wall-safe, with a round figured disk of white metal on its face. He knelt before it and tried its knob. After a moment it turned easily. But



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